GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2885
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2016
Rangpo-Sivok Railway Line
Rai Shri Prem Das

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Rangpo-Sivok railway line project;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the said railway line in the Budget of 2016-17;

(c) the estimated year of completion of the project; and

(d) whether the construction of the line has been delayed and if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2885 BY SHRI PREM DAS RAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.05.2016 REGARDING RANGPO-SIVOK RAILWAY LINE.

(a) & (b): Sivok-Rangpo (73 Km) new line has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ` 4085 crore and an outlay of ` 250 crore has been provided in 2016-17. Final Location Survey including Geo-physical Investigations have been completed and detailed estimate sanctioned. Land acquisition has been taken up.

(c) & (d): The project has been delayed due to delay in acquisition of revenue land, diversion of forest land, land falling in Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary, non-availability of relevant certificates under Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 etc. in West Bengal and Sikkim.

Due to uncertainty over these issues, it is not feasible to fix timelines for completion of the project.

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